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SENATE BILL

No. 1041

Introduced by Senator Denham

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Sections 3959, 4003, and 4053 of, and to add ~~Sections 3807 and 3969~~ *Section 3807* to, the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to agriculture.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1041, as amended, Denham. District agricultural associations: farm products.

Existing law provides for the formation of district agricultural associations for specified purposes, as specified. Each association is a state institution. *Existing law provides that the members of the board of directors of each district association shall be appointed by the Governor.*

This bill would provide that the Department of Food and Agriculture shall work with the boards of directors of the district agricultural associations in order to identify 2 district agricultural associations *willing* to be used in a pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness and cost benefits of transitioning a district agricultural association from being an institution of the state to being an institution of, and entirely controlled by, a county or other appropriate local governmental entity. *This bill would require the department report its findings to the Governor and the Legislature by April 1, 2006.*

The bill would also make technical, nonsubstantive, and clarifying changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3807 is added to the Food and Agricultural Code, to read:

3807. "Secretary" means the Secretary of Food and Agriculture.

~~SEC. 2. Section 3969 is added to the Food and Agricultural Code, to read:~~

~~3969. The department shall work with the boards of directors of the district agricultural associations in order to identify two district agricultural associations to be used in a pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness and cost benefits of transitioning a district agricultural association from being an institution of the state to being an institution of, and entirely controlled by, a county or other appropriate local governmental entity.~~

SEC. 2 Section 3959 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

3959. (a) The directors shall be appointed by the Governor.

(b) The department shall work with local district agricultural association boards of directors to identify two local district agricultural associations that are willing to be used in a pilot program to evaluate the operational effects and cost benefits of transitioning district agricultural associations to local control. The department shall conduct the study and report its findings to the Governor and to the Legislature by April 1, 2006. Any costs incurred by the department from this study will be fully reimbursed by the local district agricultural associations.

SEC. 3. Section 4003 of the Food and Agricultural Code is amended to read:

4003. Any money which is not expended within three years after being paid into the Fair and Exposition Fund pursuant to Section 4002 shall be added to and become a part of the amount available pursuant to Section 19630 of the Business and Professions Code for permanent improvements upon the property of the state, citrus, county, or district agricultural associations for fair purposes, or the purchase of equipment for fair purposes, or the acquisition or purchase of real property, including costs of appraisal or other incidental costs, to be used as sites for ~~such~~ *those* permanent improvements, in amounts allocated by executive order of the Secretary of Food and Agriculture.

1 SEC. 4. Section 4053 of the Food and Agricultural Code is
2 amended to read:

3 4053. The Secretary of Food and Agriculture may make
4 available for the use of any association any property of the state
5 which is suitable for the purposes of the association and which
6 has been obtained by the state by gift from any county or city, or
7 otherwise, without cost to the state.

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